#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS WESTERN DIVISION

SER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company,	)
Plaintiff,	) Case No. 08 CV 7033
v.	) Judge Philip G. Reinhard
SAUK VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO., and Illinois banking corporation,	) Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney )
Defendant,	) 
SAUK VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO., an Illinois banking corporation,	
Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff,	)
<b>v.</b>	)
BARCLAY PULLMAN CORPORATION, an Illinois corporation, and CHRIS A. ABBOTT,	) ) )
Third-Party Defendants.	, )

#### THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Now comes Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Sauk Valley Bank & Trust Co., an Illinois banking corporation ("SVB"), by and through its attorney, Douglas E. Lee of Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Lee, and, for its Third-Party Complaint against Barclay Pullman Corporation, an Illinois corporation ("Barclay Pullman"), and Chris A. Abbott ("Abbott"), states as follows:

#### Parties |

- 1. SVB is an Illinois banking corporation whose principal place of business is located at 201 W. Third St., Sterling, Illinois.
- 2. Barclay Pullman is an Illinois corporation whose principal place of business is located at 21340 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa. Barclay Pullman is authorized to and does conduct business in the State of Illinois and in the Northern District of Illinois.
  - 3. Upon information and belief, Abbott is a citizen and resident of Lemont, Illinois.

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction of the Third-Party Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367(a), in that the Third-Party Complaint seeks indemnification against Barclay Pullman and Abbott for any liability of SVB arising from the civil action for conversion brought by Plaintiff SER Technologies, LLC ("SER"), against SVB. A copy of SER's Complaint is attached hereto.
- 5. Venue in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a)(1), in that the underlying dispute and events arose in this judicial district.
- 6. Venue in the Western Division of this district is proper, in that the underlying dispute and events arose in the Western Division and the principal place of business of SVB is in the Western Division.

# COUNT I (Breach of Transfer Warranties – 810 ILCS 5/3-416)

7. Upon information and belief, during the period of approximately July 2006 through November 2006, SER and Barclay Pullman worked together on various projects for Great Lakes Controlled Energy Corporation, Uniqema, Tuthill, AT & T, Verizon, BEST Access

Systems, Matteson School District #162, Urban Growth Properties, and Evans Electric, LLC (collectively, "the Clients").

- 8. Upon information and belief, in return for services provided by SER, the Clients paid SER a total of \$622,207.20, as indicated in the checks referenced in Plaintiff's Complaint herein ("the Checks").
  - 9. The Checks were made payable to SER.
- 10. Upon information and belief, after the Checks were received by SER, one or more agents or employees of SER forwarded the Checks to Barclay Pullman.
- 11. Abbott and/or another employee of Barclay Pullman indorsed the Checks, "Payable to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp."
- 12. Abbott and/or another employee of Barclay Pullman transferred the Checks to SVB and received consideration in the form of payment of the Checks.
- 13. When they transferred the Checks to SVB, Abbott and Barclay Pullman, pursuant to 810 ILCS 5/3-416(a)(1) warranted that Barclay Pullman was entitled to enforce the Checks.
- 14. Upon information and belief, Barclay Pullman was not entitled to enforce the Checks.
- 15. Abbott and Barclay Pullman breached the transfer warranty described in 810 ILCS 5/3-416(a)(1) when they transferred the Checks to SVB.
- 16. When they transferred the Checks to SVB, Abbott and Barclay Pullman, pursuant to 810 ILCS 5/3-416(a)(2), warranted that all signatures on the Checks were authorized.
  - 17. Upon information and belief, the signatures on the Checks were not authorized.
- 18. Abbott and Barclay Pullman breached the transfer warranty described in 810 ILCS 5/3-416(a)(2) when they transferred the Checks to SVB.

WHEREFORE, Sauk Valley Bank respectfully prays that the Court, if and to the extent Sauk Valley Bank is found liable to SER Technologies under the Complaint filed herein, enter judgment against Chris A. Abbott and Barclay Pullman Corporation, jointly and severally, in the amount of any and all damages, costs, and attorneys' fees for which Sauk Valley Bank is found liable.

# COUNT II (Unjust Enrichment)

- 1-18. For Paragraphs 1-18 of Count II of its Third-Party Complaint, SVB restates and incorporates herein by reference Paragraphs 1-17 of Count I of its Third-Party Complaint.
- 19. Abbott and Barclay Pullman induced SVB to make payments of the Checks to Barclay Pullman by transferring the Checks to SVB.
- 20. Abbott and/or Barclay Pullman knowingly received a benefit by receiving payments when they transferred the Checks to Sauk Valley.
- 21. Upon information and belief, neither Abbott nor Barclay Pullman gave consideration for the Checks.
- 22. As a result of the conduct described herein, Abbott and Barclay Pullman have been and will be unjustly enriched at the expense of SVB.
- 23. Allowing Abbott and Barclay Pullman to retain the benefit would be unjust under the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, Sauk Valley Bank respectfully prays that the Court, if and to the extent Sauk Valley Bank is found liable to SER Technologies under the Complaint filed herein, enter judgment against Chris A. Abbott and Barclay Pullman Corporation, jointly and severally, in the amount of any and all damages, costs, and attorneys' fees for which Sauk Valley Bank is found liable.

# COUNT III (Fraud)

- 1-23. For Paragraphs 1-23 of Count III of its Third-Party Complaint, SVB restates and incorporates herein by reference Paragraphs 1-23 of Count II of its Complaint.
- 24. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman fraudulently indorsed the Checks in favor of Barclay Pullman knowing such indorsements were false as the Checks were properly payable to SER.
- 25. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman represented to SVB that SER had directed payment of the Checks to Barclay Pullman, which representation, upon information and belief, was false.
- 26. Abbott and Barclay Pullman fraudulently indorsed the Checks in favor of Barclay Pullman knowing such indorsements were false.
- 27. When they represented to SVB that SER had directed payment of the Checks to Barclay Pullman, Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman knew such representation was false.
- 28. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman intended for the false indorsements and representations to induce Sauk Valley to pay Abbott and/or Barclay Pullman the value of the Checks.
- 29. SVB justifiably relied on the fraudulent indorsements of the Checks and the misrepresentation that SER had directed payment of the Checks to Barclay Pullman.
- 30. SVB has been damaged by relying on the false indorsements of the Checks and the misrepresentations in that SER has brought a claim for conversion against SVB.
- 31. SVB, in having to defend the claim for conversion, has suffered damages on account of Barclay Pullman's and Abbott's fraud.

WHEREFORE, Sauk Valley Bank respectfully prays that the Court, if and to the extent Sauk Valley Bank is found liable to SER Technologies under the Complaint filed herein, enter judgment against Chris A. Abbott and Barclay Pullman Corporation, jointly and severally, in the amount of any and all damages, costs, and attorneys' fees for which Sauk Valley Bank is found liable.

SAUK VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO., Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Douglas E. Lee, an attorney, hereby certifies that on January 19, 2009, a copy of the foregoing Third-Party Complaint was filed electronically using the Court's CM/ECF system. Notice of this filing will be sent to the following parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system at the e-mail addresses indicated below. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system:

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SER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company,  Plaintiff,	FILED: DECEMBER 09, 2008 ) 08CV7033 ) JUDGE PHILIP G. REINHARD ) MAGISTRATE P. MICHAEL MAHONEY ) RCC
V.	) }
SAUK VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO., an Illinois banking corporation,	) JURY DEMAND )
Defendant.	)

#### COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, SER Technologies, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, through its attorneys Justin L. Weisberg and Thadford A. Felton, Arnstein & Lehr LLP of counsel, states as its complaint against Defendant, Sauk Valley Bank & Trust Co., an Illinois banking corporation, as follows:

### **Nature Of The Action**

1. This is a civil action for conversion brought under Article 3, Section 420, of the Illinois Commercial Code. 810 ILCS 5/3-420.

### Jurisdiction And Venue

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.C.S. §1332(a)(1).
- 3. Venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a)(1) as the Defendant resides in the Northern District of Illinois.

#### The Parties

- 4. Plaintiff SER Technologies, LLC ("SER Technologies") is a limited liability company duly organized and authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Michigan. SER Technologies' office and principal place of business is at 24650 Sherwood, Center Line, Michigan.
- 5. The members of SER Technologies are all citizens of the State of Michigan.
- 6. SER Technologies is a minority business enterprise that is in the business of communications and electrical contracting.
- 7. Defendant Sauk Valley Bank & Trust Co. is an Illinois banking corporation with its principal place of business at 201 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sterling, Illinois.
- 8. Sometime prior to April 1, 2006, SER Technologies decided to expand its operations to the state of Illinois and began providing electrical contracting services in Illinois.
- 9. Barclay Pullman Corporation ("Barclay Pullman") is an Illinois corporation that worked with SER Technologies on occasion. The President of Barclay Pullman is Chris A. Abbott ("Abbott").

# Great Lakes Checks - \$389,341.64

- 10. During the period of approximately July, 2006 through November, 2006, SER Technologies and Barclay Pullman worked together on a project for Great Lakes Controlled Energy Corporation ("Great Lakes").
- 11. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to Great Lakes in exchange for Great Lake's payment to it for those services.

- 12. SER Technologies fully performed and provided the agreed upon services to Great Lakes.
- 13. SER Technologies invoiced Great Lakes a total of \$389,341.64 for the services it provided to Great Lakes.
- 14. In return for those services, Great Lakes paid SER Technologies a total of \$389,341.64 by checks.
- 15. The payments referenced in the preceding paragraph were made as follows:
  - a. Great Lakes provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$84,060 dated July 19, 2006.
  - b. Great Lakes provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER
     Technologies in the amount of \$4,510.50 dated September 7, 2006.
  - Great Lakes provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER
     Technologies in the amount of \$99,495 dated September 22, 2006.
  - d. Great Lakes provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$106,731.70 dated October 18, 2006.
  - e. Great Lakes provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$94,544.44 dated November 21, 2006.
  - 16. The checks referenced in the paragraph above were received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies or Abbott acting as agent for SER Technologies.

- 17. After the above checks were received by SER Technologies, the checks were improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies and/or retained by Abbott.
- 18. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Great Lakes' checks in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 19. Specifically, the indorsements on the checks were as follows:

Check	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
<b>No.</b> 23123	7/19/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp. SER Technologies, Inc. LLC	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	,
23207	9/7/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation	
38982	9/22/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	
23286	10/18/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	
23322	11/21/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.		

See Group Exhibit A attached.

- 20. None of the above checks were indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 21. None of the above checks were properly indorsed by SER Technologies, Inc.
- 22. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payments referenced above that were made to it by Great Lakes.
- 23. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Great Lakes' checks.

### Uniqema Checks - \$55,972.02

- 24. During the period of approximately July, 2006 through September, 2006, Uniqema contracted with SER Technologies.
- 25. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to Uniqema in exchange for Uniqema's payment to it for those services.
- 26. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to Uniqema.
- 27. SER Technologies invoiced Uniqema a total of \$55,972.02 for the services it provided to Uniqema.
- 28. In return for those services, Uniqema paid SER Technologies a total of \$55,972.02 by checks.
- 29. The payments referenced in the preceding paragraph were made as follows:
  - a. Uniqema provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$6,878.15 dated July 20, 2006.

- b. Uniqema provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$1,300 dated August 3, 2006.
- c. Uniqema provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$4,510.50 dated September 7, 2006.
- Uniqema provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER
   Technologies in the amount of \$13,464.92 dated September 8, 2006.
- e. Uniqema provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$6,972 dated September 21, 2006.
- f. Uniquema provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$27,356.95 dated September 27, 2006.
- 30. The checks referenced in the paragraph above were received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 31. After the above checks were received by SER Technologies, the checks were improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.
- 32. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Unique checks in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 33. Specifically, the indorsements on the checks were as follows:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
2490410111	7/20/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp. SER Technologies, Inc.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	
2490410246	8/3/06	Pay to the Order of	Pay to the Order of Sauk	\$1,300

		Barclay Corp.	Pullman	Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	<b>640.464.00</b>
2490410624	9/8/06	Barclay Corp.	Pullman	For Deposit Only Barciay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$13,464.92
2490410746		Barclay Corp.	Pullman	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	
249041817	9/28/06	Pay to the Barclay Corp.	Order of Pullman	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$27,356.95

# See Group Exhibit B attached.

- 34. None of the above checks were indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 35. None of the above checks were properly indorsed by SER Technologies, Inc.
- 36. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payments referenced above that were made to it by Uniqema.
- 37. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Uniqema checks.

# Tuthill Checks - \$1,935.55

38. During the period of approximately September, 2006 through September 2006, Tuthill contracted with SER Technologies.

- 39. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to Tuthill in exchange for Tuthill's payment to it for those services.
- 40. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to Tuthill.
- 41. SER Technologies invoiced Tuthill a total of \$1,935.55 for the services it provided to Tuthill.
- 42. In return for those services, Tuthill paid SER Technologies a total of \$1,935.55 by checks.
- 43. The payments referenced in the preceding paragraph were made as follows:
  - a. Tuthill provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$1,125.50 dated August 25, 2006.
  - b. Tuthill provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$593.80 dated September 8, 2006.
    - c. Tuthill provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$216.25 dated September 15, 2006.
- 44. The checks referenced in the paragraph above were received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 45. After the above checks were received by SER Technologies, the checks were improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.
- 46. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Tuthill checks in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of

SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.

47. Specifically, the indorsements on the checks were as follows:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
15255614	8/25/06	SER Technologies LLC Payable to Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$1,125.50
15257499	9/8/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	
15259755	9/15/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$216.25

# See Group Exhibit C attached.

- 48. None of the above checks were indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 49. None of the above checks were properly indorsed by SER Technologies, Inc.
- 50. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payments referenced above that were made to it by Tuthill.
- 51. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Tuthill checks.

AT&T Checks - \$23,319.99

- 52. During the period of September, 2006 through October 20, 2006, AT&T contracted with SER Technologies.
- 53. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to AT&T in exchange for AT&T's payment to it for those services.
- 54. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to AT&T.
- 55. SER Technologies invoiced AT&T a total of \$23,319.99 for the services it provided to AT&T.
- 56. In return for those services, AT&T paid SER Technologies a total of \$23,319.99 by checks.
- 57. The payments referenced in the preceding paragraph were made as follows:
  - a. AT&T provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$19,871.00 dated September 1, 2006.
  - b. AT&T provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$3,448.99 dated October 18, 2006.
- 58. The checks referenced in the paragraph above were received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 59. After the above checks were received by SER Technologies, the checks were improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.
- 60. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the AT&T checks in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of

SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.

61. Specifically, the indorsements on the checks were as follows:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Otalin pod majora	Amount
3840072685	9/1/06	SER Technologies LLC Payable to Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$19,871.00
3840075114	10/18/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of	\$3,448.99

See Group Exhibit D attached.

- 62. None of the above checks were indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 63. None of the above checks were properly indorsed by SER Technologies, Inc.
- 64. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payments referenced above that were made to it by AT&T.
- 65. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the AT&T checks.

## Verizon Checks - \$368.00

66. In approximately August 2006, Verizon contracted with SER Technologies.

- 67. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to Verizon in exchange for Verizon's payment to it for those services.
- 68. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to Verizon.
- 69. SER Technologies invoiced Verizon a total of \$368.00 for the services it provided to Verizon.
- 70. In return for those services, Verizon paid SER Technologies a total of \$368.00 by check.
- 71. The check referenced in the paragraph above was received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 72. After the above check was received by SER Technologies, the check was improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.
- 73. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Verizon check in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 74. Specifically, the check was indorsed as follows:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
1005179814	8/2/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$368.00

See Exhibit E attached.

- 75. The Verizon check was not indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
  - 76. The Verizon check was not properly indorsed by SER Technologies.
- 77. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payment referenced above that was made to it by Verizon.
- 78. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Verizon check.

# BEST Access Systems Check - \$25,653.00

- 79. In approximately August, 2006, BEST Access Systems contracted with SER Technologies.
- 80. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to BEST Access Systems in exchange for BEST Access System's payment to it for those services.
- 81. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to BEST Access Systems.
- 82. SER Technologies invoiced BEST Access Systems a total of \$25,653.00 for the services it provided to BEST Access Systems.
- 83. In return for those services, Best Access Systems paid SER Technologies a total of \$25,653.00 by check.
- 84. The check referenced in the paragraph above was received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 85. After the above check was received by SER Technologies, the check was improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.

- 86. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the BEST Access Systems check in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 87. Specifically, the indorsement on the check was:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
356419	8/10/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$25,653.00

#### See Exhibit F attached.

- 88. The BEST Access System check was not indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 89. The BEST Access System check was not properly indorsed by SER Technologies.
- 90. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payment referenced above that was made to it by BEST Access System.
- 91. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the BEST Access System check.

# Matteson School District #162 Check - \$47,711.00

92. In approximately September, 2006, Matteson School District #162 contracted with SER Technologies.

- 93. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to Matteson School District #162.
- 94. SER Technologies invoiced Matteson School District #162 a total of \$47,711.00 for the services it provided to Matteson School District #162.
- 95. In return for those services, Matteson School District #162 provided SER Technologies with a check payable to SER Technologies in the amount of \$47,711.00 dated September 19, 2006.
- 96. The check referenced in the paragraph above was received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 97. After the above check was received by SER Technologies, the check was improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.
- 98. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Matteson School District #162 check in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 99. Specifically, the indorsement on the check was as follows:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
92226	9/19/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$47,711.00

See Exhibit G attached.

- 100. The Matteson School District #162 check was not indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 101. The Matteson School District #162 check was not properly indorsed by SER Technologies.
- 102. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payments referenced above that was made to it by Matteson School District #162.
- 103. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Matteson School District #162 check.

#### Urban Growth Properties' Check - \$306.00

- 104. In approximately September, 2006, Urban Growth Properties contracted with SER Technologies.
- 105. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to Urban Growth Properties in exchange for Urban Growth Properties' payment to it for those services.
- 106. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to Urban Growth Properties.
- 107. SER Technologies invoiced Urban Growth Properties a total of \$306.00 for the services it provided to Urban Growth Properties.
- 108. In return for those services, Urban Growth Properties paid SER Technologies a total of \$306.00 by check.
- 109. The check referenced in the paragraph above was received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 110. After the above check was received by SER Technologies, the check was improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.

- 111. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Urban Growth Properties check in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 112. Specifically, the indorsement on the check was:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
38980		Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	\$306.00

#### See Exhibit H attached.

- 113. The Urban Growth Properties check was not indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 114. The Urban Growth Properties check was not properly indorsed by SER Technologies.
- 115. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payment referenced above that was made to it by Urban Growth Properties.
- 116. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Urban Growth Properties check.

# Evans Electric LLC check - \$77,600.00

117. In approximately September, 2006, Evans Electric contracted with SER Technologies.

- 118. SER Technologies agreed to provide certain services to Urban Growth Properties in exchange for Evans Electric's payment to it for those services.
- 119. SER Technologies performed and provided the agreed upon services to Evans Electric.
- 120. SER Technologies invoiced Evans Electric a total of \$77,600.00 for the services it provided to Evans Electric.
- 121. In return for those services, Evans Electric paid SER Technologies a total of \$77,600.00 by check.
- 122. The check referenced in the paragraph above was received on behalf of SER Technologies through an employee of SER Technologies.
- 123. After the above check was received by SER Technologies, the check was improperly forwarded to Abbott by an employee of SER Technologies.
- 124. Abbott and/or another individual at Barclay Pullman indorsed the Evans Electric check in favor of Barclay Pullman Corp. ("Barclay Pullman") without the consent of SER Technologies and deposited the checks into Barclay Pullman Account No. 100495501 at Defendant Sauk Valley Bank.
  - 125. Specifically, the indorsement on the check was:

Check No.	Date	Handwritten Indorsement	Stamped Indorsement	Amount
1145	10/24/06	Pay to the Order of Barclay Pullman Corp.	Pay to the Order of Sauk Valle Bank 071125891 For Deposit Only Barclay Pullman Corporation 100495501	

See Exhibit I attached.

- 126. The Evans Electric check was not indorsed by an authorized individual at SER Technologies.
- 127. The Evans Electric check was not properly indorsed by SER Technologies.
- 128. SER Technologies has not received any benefit or value from the payment referenced above that was made to it by Evans Electric.
- 129. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant Sauk Valley Bank is liable to SER Technologies for the value of the Evans Electric check.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff SER Technologies, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, requests that this Court enter the following judgment against Defendant Sauk Valley Bank & Trust:

- Judgment in the amount of \$389,341.64 for the processing of the Great Lakes Controlled Energy Corporation checks;
- b. Judgment in the amount of \$55,972.02 for the processing of the Uniqema checks;
- c. Judgment in the amount of \$1,935.55 for the processing of the Tuthill checks;
- d. Judgment in the amount of \$23,319.99 for the processing of the AT&T checks;
- e. Judgment in the amount of \$368 for the processing of the Verizon check;
- f. Judgment in the amount of \$25,653.00 for the processing of the BEST Access Systems check;

- g. Judgment in the amount of \$47,711.00 for the processing of the Matteson School District #162 check;
- h. Judgment in the amount of \$306 for the processing of the Urban Growth Properties' check;
- Judgment in the amount of \$77,600 for the processing of the Evans Electric
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- j. Prejudgment interest, costs and such other relief as this Court deems appropriate and just.

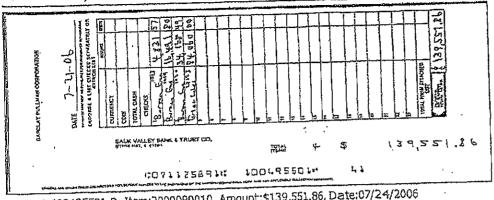
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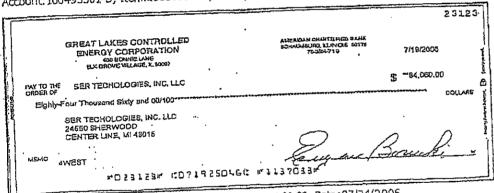
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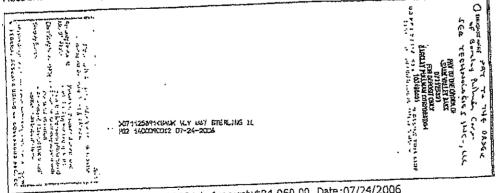
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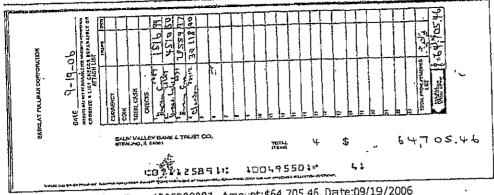


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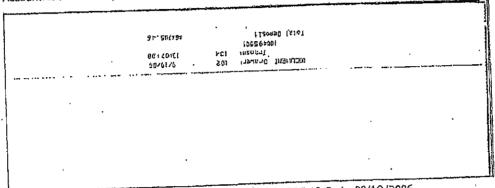
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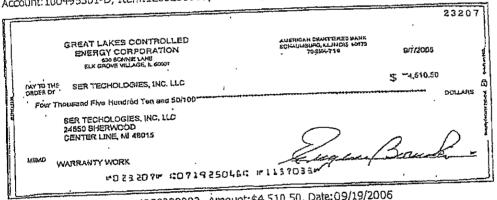
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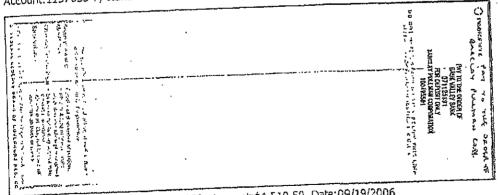
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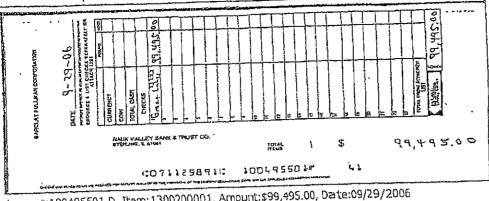
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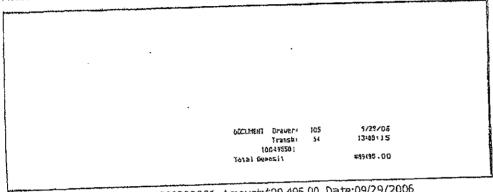
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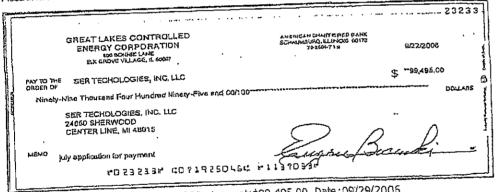
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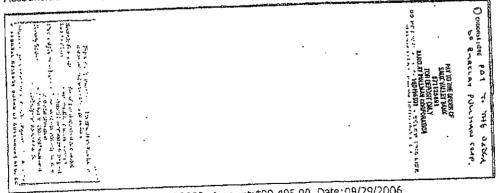
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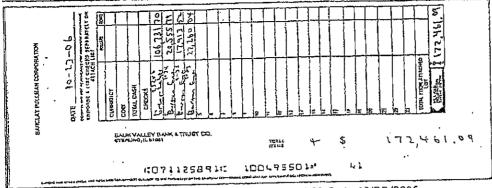
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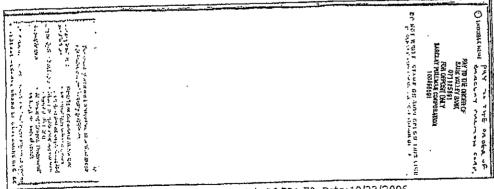
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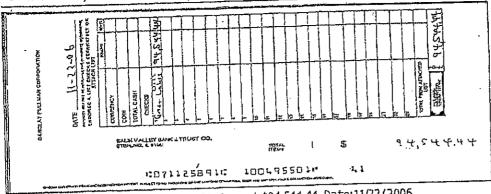
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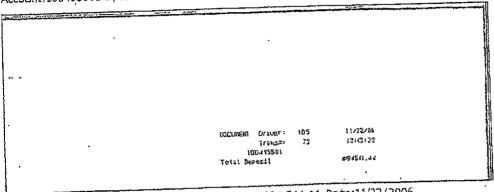


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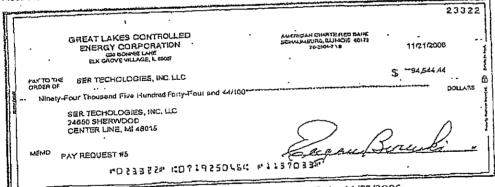
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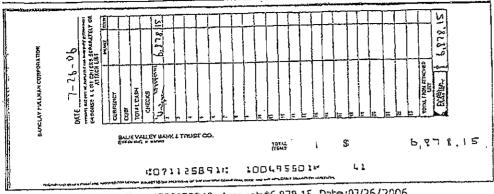


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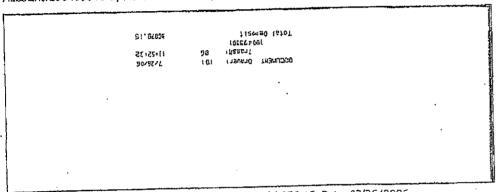
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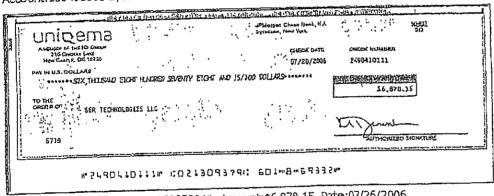
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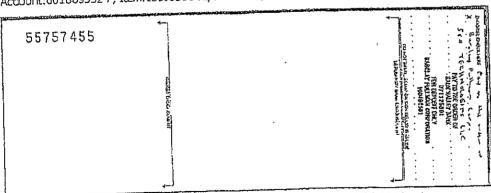
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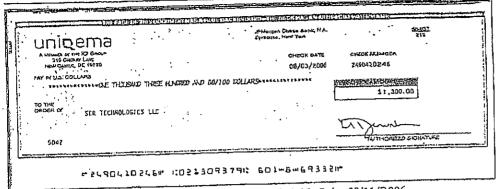
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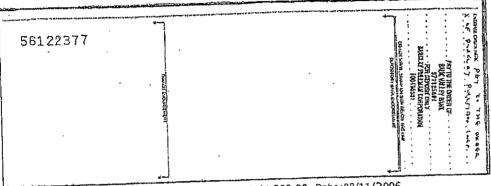
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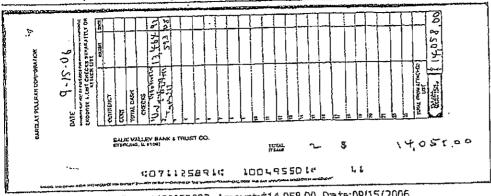
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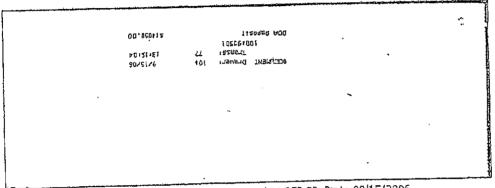
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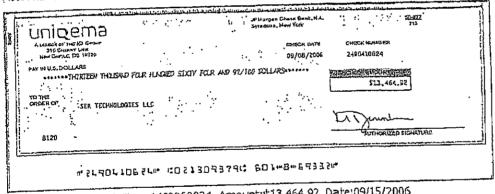
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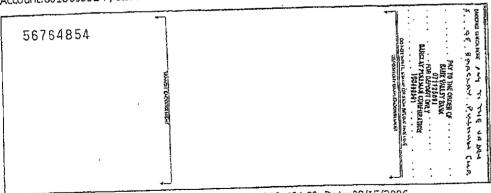
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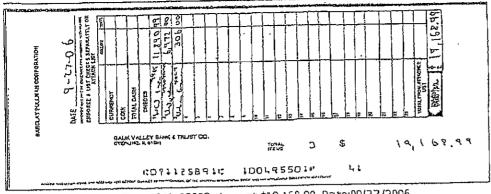
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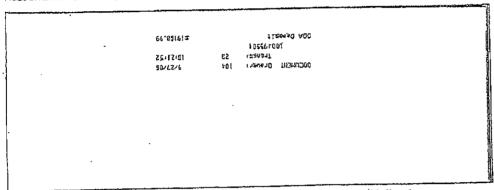
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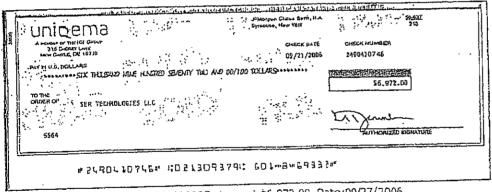
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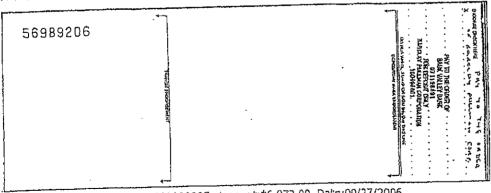
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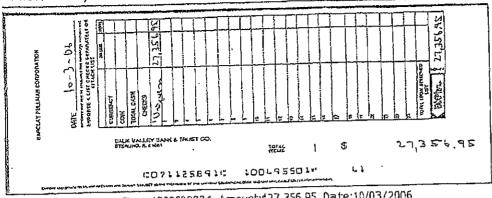
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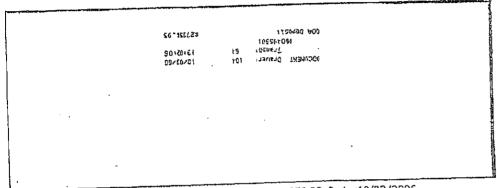
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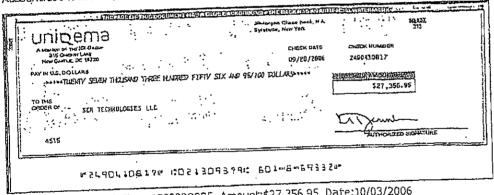
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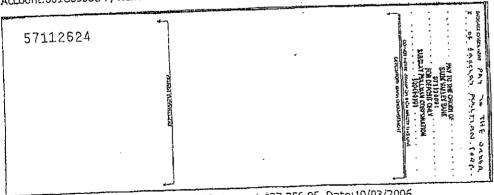
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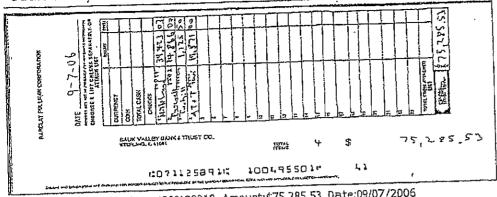


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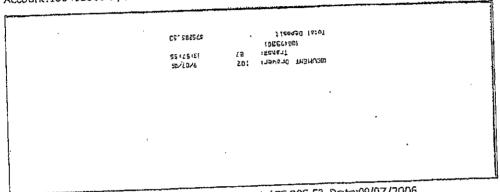


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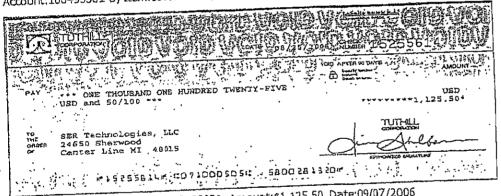
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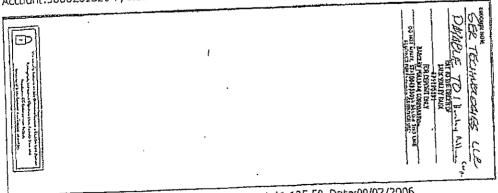
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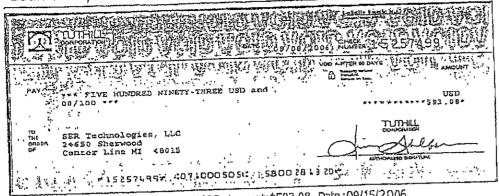
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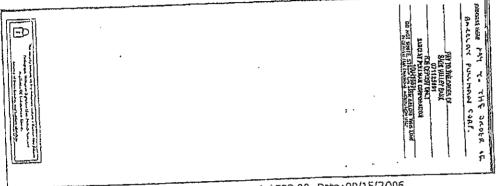
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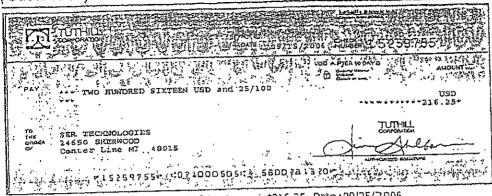
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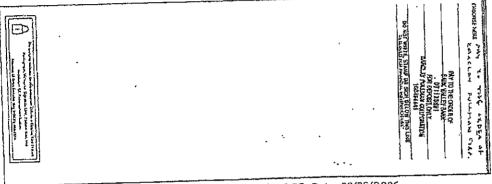
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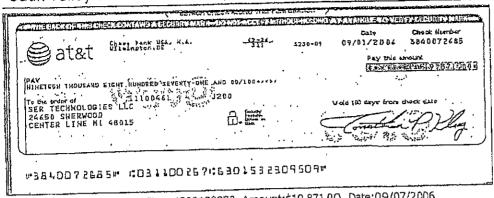


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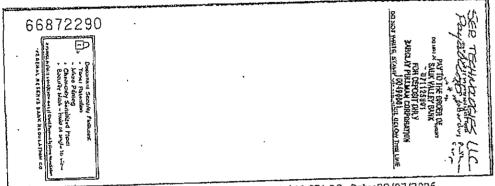


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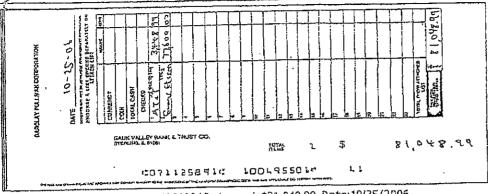


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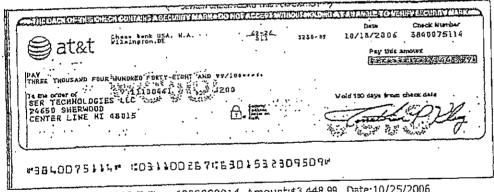
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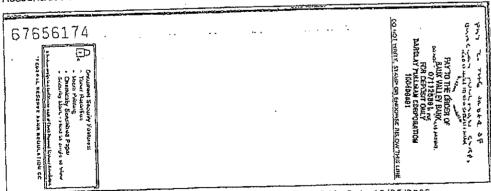
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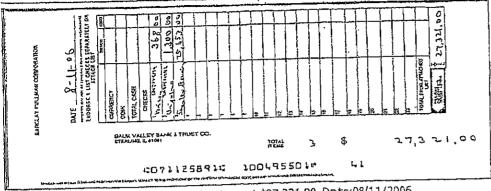
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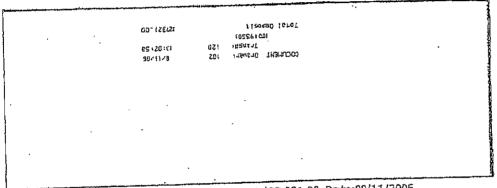
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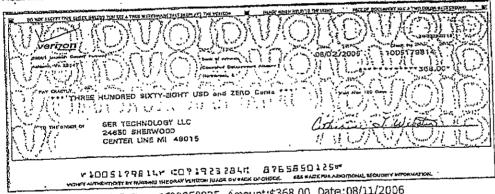
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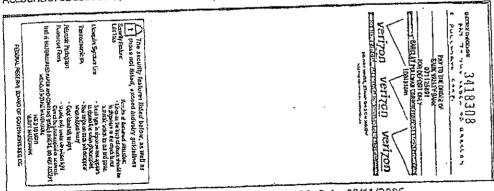
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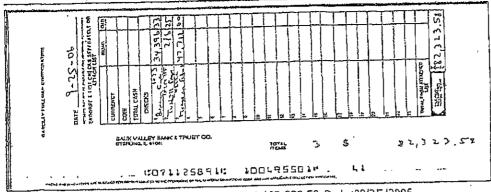
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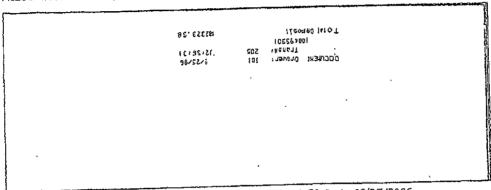
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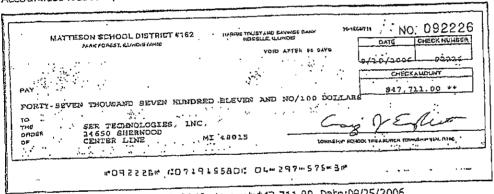
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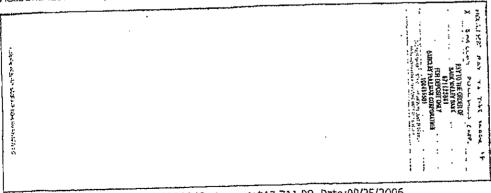
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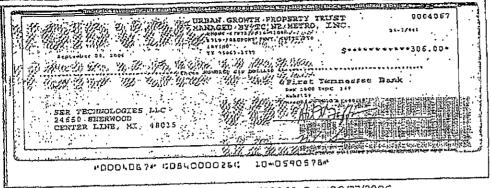
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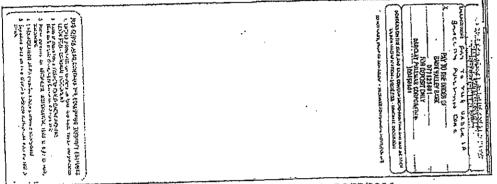
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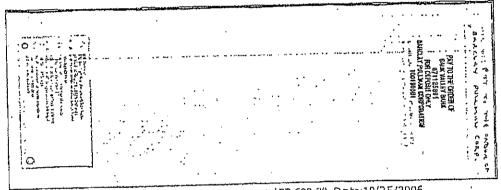
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